

Kansas SIEC
Regular Meeting
April 11, 2016

Minutes

The Kansas Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee met in regular session at the Ramada Hotel and Conference Center in Topeka, Kansas. This meeting was held in conjunction with the Kansas APCO Spring conference.

Members Present: Dick Heitschmidt, Bob Mclemore, Col. Chris Stratmann, Ellen Wernicke, Michelle Abbott, Mark Dodd, Stan Adams, Phil Wittmer. Member John Stradal joined by conference call.

Others present. Jason Bryant, Jim Lundsted (DHS/OEC), Lori Alexander (911), Justin Bramlett (KHP).

Call to order. The meeting was called to order by Dick Heitschmidt, Chairperson, at 13:00.

Discussion/Action Items.

Broadband Update

Jason Bryant opened the meeting by discussing the upcoming SCIP update to be held on May 5th 2016 in Topeka. Jason provided updated information for the members on the data collection activities as well as the RFI review. Jason presented a slide show detailing the current NPSBN numbers; over 1500 responses from three separate surveys had been received. 520 agencies had completed all three surveys. Jason detailed the coverage objectives information and a mapping overlays for objectives were displayed to show the overall coverage objectives for Kansas.

Consultation Task Teams

Jason stated that the KOEC's initial outreach efforts are complete and things are moving forward at a rapid pace. Jason then discussed the new FirstNet need for Consultation Task Teams (CTTs) and gave a brief overview of what the CTTs are. Jason then stated that more information concerning the CTTs would be available very soon.

RFP

Stan Adams asked about feedback from the FirstNet RFP, reference, Vendor responses. Jason relied that things are still very open as to how it will all play out in the near future. Mark Dodd asked a question concerning follow-up RFPs and what the next step would be. Jason stated that a meeting will be planned in the future but the current date is yet to be determined.

Other Business

Colonel Chris Stratmann stated that any follow-up meetings with FirstNet will need to have more substance and not be a repeat of previous sessions. Phil Wittmer concurred.

Michelle Abbott mentioned APCO Project 43 and asked how the Broadband will tie in with this as well as 911 and dispatch. Jason stated that he was unsure at this time but most likely there would have to be some integration in the future on the national level.

Jason then explained the preliminary plan for Kansas in 2017 and its future submittal to the Governor and the corresponding “Opt-In” or “Opt-Out” options for the state. Stan asked about the numbers of Telecommunications Companies in Kansas. Jason then closed and passed the floor to Phil.

Phil introduced himself and his job at OITS and as the Kansas Single Point of Contact for the State for FirstNet. Phil began his portion of the meeting by posing four questions concerning FirstNet and the Public Safety Broadband System; “what are the most essential requirements, can Kansas afford the solution, can FirstNet deliver to Kansas within the timeframe and what is the next best alternative.” Phil requested everyone’s involvement to help answer these questions. The group then began an informal discussion of various options and courses of action. Phil then suggested a special Task Force to look in these four questions and in particular, questions one and four.

Colonel Stratmann then brought up an Executive Order to be presented to the governor. Phil then discussed the EO and how it would formalize the SIEC as the committee for Kansas broadband and FirstNet related affairs. Colonel Stratmann then explained the details of the EO including its effects, benefits and the needs for the EO. Phil stressed that it needs to be presented to the Governor as a Public Safety need. The group was then informally asked what they thought about the EO. Michelle Abbott stated that she would like to see the EO before she agreed to anything.

Phil then continued to discuss continuing collection efforts for the broadband plan. Colonel Stratmann suggested to simply utilize the current Broadband Outreach Coordinators. All concurred.

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be at the call of the chair.

Adjourn. With no further business before the committee, Chairperson Dick Heitschmidt moved to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 1450hrs local time

Respectfully submitted,

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APPROVED:

Dick Heitschmidt, Chairperson



Bob McLemore, Vice Chairperson